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February 2021 E-newsletter

Happy Birthday to Us!

Thank you for joining us on at our 25 Excellent Years Virtual Birthday Party on February 20. You played a big role in putting on this show, and we want you to know how happy we are that you were there with us. Thanks to those who donated, and thank you also for the successes we will celebrate in the future.



But the party was just the beginning! Join us all year at events, online, and on social media as we continue to highlight the milestones we've achieved together. Your support has meant everything to our families and students. And if you ever need a reminder that you have helped change lives, visit our YouTube channel to [watch the party all over again](#) or to see what is going on today in our classrooms.



Words from Dr. Michele

We are all dealing with the stress of COVID-19, trying to secure a date to get the vaccine, and getting our kiddos off to school. Mornings can be hard when juggling all of this "stuff." I want to commend all of you for making the best effort possible every single day. We see your efforts in the line of cars waiting patiently to participate in the morning ritual at Child's Voice, and we thank you.

[Read more here.](#)

New Hosts Join Popular All Ears Podcast



A Hearing Loss Podcast

Our popular All Ears at Child's Voice: A Hearing Loss Podcast is getting two new hosts. Teachers Haley Gubbins and Elise Sundberg join Wendy Deters in leading the discussions on the podcast, which focuses on connecting parents of children with hearing loss with the professionals who serve them.

Some of the upcoming episodes will feature topics such as bone-anchored device technology and surgery, educating teachers of the deaf and the evolution of deaf education, family and professional perspectives on Usher's syndrome, and the coaches and players of the USA Deaf Soccer team.

[Click here to listen to past episodes.](#)

Water Bottle-Filling Station Encourages Healthy Habits

Child's Voice was a recipient of an Illinois Children's Health Foundation and Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation [H2O on the Go Water Bottle-Filling Station!](#) This program was created to replace existing water fountains with new water bottle-filling stations at Illinois schools. We are so excited to have been included in this grant and know that students and staff will both benefit from this convenient way to stay hydrated and develop good healthy habits!



If you want to help support Child's Voice's building and facility needs, [please click here!](#)

Vocabulary and Glitter Paint in Early Intervention



Wood Dale Early intervention group kids made Valentines as they worked on growing their speech and language skills.

News For Parents and Families

ISRC Family Literacy Night



Join the Illinois Service Resource Center Parent Café Literacy Night and other families to read the book "How Full Is Your Bucket" and enjoy an activity together.

All families that register by March 31st will receive a copy of the book and an activity packet. This book teaches children that we all have a bucket inside of us and we can either be bucket fillers or bucket dippers, depending on how we treat each other.

[RSVP by Wednesday, March 31.](#)

The [Illinois Service Resource Center](#) provides behavior support for students who are deaf, hard of hearing, or visually impaired in Illinois.

Hearing First Offers Family Support

Hearing First is dedicated to making sure all children born in the United States benefit from the availability of newborn hearing screening and all parents learn the status of their baby's hearing first. Hearing is a foundational building block for children to learn to listen and talk, become healthy readers, and do well in school.

The online Family Support Community is virtual space for parents and families of children with hearing loss who are learning to listen and talk. Members share practical tips and advice, download helpful resources, and expand their community of support to power potential for their child on their hearing journey. [Find out more and join the community.](#)

COVID-19 Information

Check our [Weekly Digest](#) for updates on COVID-19 procedures and policies at Child's Voice.

Are You Following Us?

Be sure you're following our social media sites to see the latest news, photos and fun updates from Child's Voice, including updates on our programs and wonderful photos of our students!



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